

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 13, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Yamano et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding and solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, Claims 13, 15 and 16 are cancelled. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges with thanks the allowance of Claims 1-12 and 14.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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